THE AMERICAN PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
CLARENCE P. BILL, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
ADELBERT COLLEGE, CLEVELAND, OHIO

October 27, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting which our Association and the Institute of Archaeology are to hold next December at the University of Toronto, and we greatly appreciate the University's hospitality. You are already doing very much for us, but there is one thing more we should like to ask.

The meeting will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Association, and we are trying to marshal our strongest forces for the occasion. The closing event will be the dinner to which the University is kindly inviting us, on Wednesday evening, December 31st. The Secretary of the Institute and I have agreed upon the program and he has asked me to invite the speakers. There will first be an address by Paul Shorey of the University of Chicago on "Fifty Years of Classical Studies in America", following which we should like to have two speeches of half an hour in length, the first on "Scholarship and Pedagogy", to be given by Charles R. Lanman of Harvard University, and the other on "Antiquity and the Education of the Future", which we earnestly hope we may persuade you to give.

I want to make this invitation as cordial and as urgent as possible. We hope nothing will stand in the way of your acceptance, and we shall be very grateful for your participation in the program.

Shall I be troubling you too much if I ask for a response at your very earliest convenience? Our program is a bit late in taking shape. I shall be greatly obliged to you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence P. Bill

October 30th, 1919

Professor Clarence P. Bill,
Adelbert College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Professor Bill:

We are anticipating with much pleasure the meeting of the Philological Association to be held in the University at the end of next December. Professor De Witt I think has the matter well in hand.

It is a compliment to me to be asked to give an address at the dinner on December 31st following on one by such a distinguished scholar as Professor Paul Shorey. I will, however, do my best, though I am afraid that what I shall have to say will be rather of the nature of platitude. We shall be glad to do anything further that we can to make the meeting a success, and with kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 12, 1920.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Can.

My dear Sir Robert:

I take pleasure in conveying to you the following resolution, passed by our Association at its recent meeting in Pittsburgh:

Resolved, That we, the members of the American Philological Association, assembled at Pittsburgh to celebrate the Semi-centennial Anniversary of the Association, express to the Board of Governors and the Classical Staff of the University of Toronto our deep regret that we were compelled to forego the expected pleasure of accepting their invitation for the meeting and renewing the alliance for the arts of peace which has been deepened and strengthened by the sacrifices of a war for our common ideals. It is our hope that our visit to Toronto has been only postponed.

I want also to express the thanks of the Association to you and your Board of Governors for inviting the Association to meet at the University of Toronto in 1920. We greatly appreciate this renewed offer of hospitality, but the weight of our membership lies on the Atlantic seaboard, and it was felt that the next meeting should be further east.

With deep regard, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Clarence P. Bill

December 8th, 1919

Professor C. C. Hill,
Adelbert College,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Professor Hill:

I am very sorry to know that the American Philological Association is not to meet in Toronto this year. I had not known until I received your letter that the arrangements were cancelled, but I suppose that the epidemic of smallpox may have been the reason for it. There are a great many cases. I imagine, however, that the only real trouble would be for delegates to return to the United States.

It would have been a great pleasure for me personally to meet the members of the Association and to attend some of the sessions, but my duties here will not permit of my going to Pittsburgh, so I must ask you to be kind enough to secure some one else for my place for the paper which you kindly asked me to read.

Wishing you a very successful meeting,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.